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No Cloak-and-Dagger Openings

Top-Secret CIA Conducting Recruiting Drive

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WASHINGTON, June 9 — The Central Intelligence Agency is looking for recruits.

If you are up on your "international spy" reading, you would expect the agency's want ad to run something like this:

WANTED: Jujitsu experts, with nerves of steel for exciting job. Must be adept at disguises, quick on the trigger and unmoved by beautiful women, hideous torture and knockout drops. Loyal, secret friends among the enemy helpful.

Actually, says the CIA, a more plausible ad would be:

WANTED: College graduates, preferably with training in science or economics. Must be adept at careful, detailed work. Should know at least one foreign language. Must have clean security background and no relatives behind Iron Curtain.

The CIA, which is trying to build up a career intelligence service, for more than a month has been making the rounds of colleges trying to interest bright graduates in the "real" work of the agency.

It's at a competitive disadvantage with representatives of

Industrial firms and insurance companies, who are also out to recruit the best of this year's college crop.

In the first place, the agency can't tell prospective employees much about itself. Such basic information as the amount of money the CIA has to spend, how many agents it has, where they are—all of that is classified.

In the second place, the work may not be as exciting as, for instance, a job with an international oil company.

Some CIA overseas assignments are available, the agency admits, but they are not likely to be of the cloak-and-dagger variety. Most of the CIA activities involve piecing together little bits of information and this is plodding work.

In the third place, the candidate for a job cannot get a quick answer to the question: Am I hired or not?

The potential employee first gets a 14-page questionnaire to fill out. When that gets to CIA headquarters, a security check is initiated. It may be months before the results of the security check are in hand. Meanwhile, the candidate

does not know if he will be hired or not. Only about 15 percent of the applicants get through the screening procedures, the CIA says.

In the fourth place, you can't get rich in intelligence work. As a spokesman for the agency puts it:

"We're looking for people who have devotion to public service."

If you still want a job in intelligence and think you can qualify, you can apply without any special political pull.

Just write or walk in "cold" to 2430 E Street, N. W., Washington. It's an old yellow brick building, once a public health building, from which the far-

flung intelligence agency is administered.

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